



The Weekly Pines

Northern Beaches Secondary College

Manly Campus



Academic Excellence ★ Personal Best ★ Giving Back to the Community

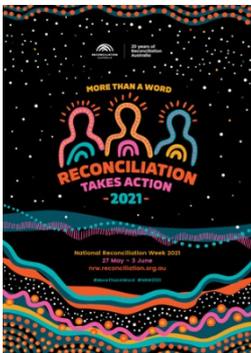
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From the Principal

National Reconciliation Week



National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The Week runs

from 27 May to 3 June every year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

Reconciliation takes action, urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Thank you, P&C

Thank you to the P&C for attending all Parent Teacher nights. It was a lovely addition to the evenings with the P&C providing refreshments and the opportunity for the parent community to connect and ask questions. The next P&C is on Wednesday 16 June at 7pm in the school hall.

Karen Blundell, Head Teacher CAPA will be presenting at the meeting.

COVID-19 update

With the emerging situation in Melbourne it is important that anyone who has been in Victoria since 12 May (excluding those who have only transited through an airport) should regularly check the Victorian Government website to check if they have been to any of the locations identified as a venue of concern. The website is being regularly updated with new locations listed. Anyone who has been in Victoria should monitor the site closely for changes. Anyone who has visited areas of concern will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.

It is also important to remind everyone of the mandatory sign in processes when visiting the school remain in place. All visitors to our school are expected to check-in using the Service NSW QR code as well as the school QR code if attending a scheduled appointment. Staff and visitors to schools and offices should maintain a 1.5m distance from other people where practicable and avoid congestion of groups of visitors in specific areas where possible. As a school we will remain vigilant in implementing: personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning, and record keeping practices. Where possible we will use outdoor areas (weather permitting) or large open spaces to enable adequate physical distancing for large school events. All visitors to a school site must be

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well and symptom free, comply with sign-in arrangements, and maintain a physical distance of 1.5m.

As per usual COVID 19 guidelines, students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. If a child is unwell during the day we will contact you to arrange to collect your child from school. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to be COVID tested and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test. Please pop in to see me if you have any questions about this.

Northern Beaches Council 2021 Eco Awards



The winners of the 2021 Eco Awards were presented at a special ceremony held at Glen Street Theatre on Wednesday 12 May. Year 12 student, Stephanie Evans received the Youth Individual Achievement Award. Stephanie Evans is the founder of the organisation, "Seas of Change." Seas of Change aims to raise funds and awareness for a variety of marine and environmental conservation efforts, including dugongs, sea turtles, climate change and plastic pollution. Steph and her team of fellow Year 12 students Melissa Chen, Thilara De Mel and Gloria Thomas run school talks, fundraisers and events in the community with one of their main focuses being to empower youth to take a stand for their environment, with a focus on the schools in the Northern Beaches. Among other things, Steph has been an Ocean Youth Ambassador and spoken in support of the Climate Emergency Declaration at the Northern Beaches Council. Mayor Michael Regan said "these awards celebrate ordinary people, the unsung heroes, doing extraordinary things for the conservation of our environment and recognise community members who have

volunteered their time and effort to enhance the region's diverse and valuable, natural habitat." Congratulations Stephanie.

Principal's Awards

Our Principal Award ceremony, celebrating outstanding academic achievement in Semester 1 2021, will be held in week 10; Year 7, 8 and 9 at 9:30am Monday 21 June and Year 10, 11 and 12 at 9:30am on Tuesday 22 June. Parents and guardians of students receiving an award will be notified by email around the end of Week 7 / early Week 8, as soon as the award recipients have been finalised.

We hope you are able to attend the ceremony to celebrate your student receiving this accolade. For those that are unable to attend, this event will be streamed live. These details will be communicated to families via email.

Congratulations to:

- Aizen Tam (Year 7) who was awarded a 12 years Merit Certificate in the 2021 Nan Manefield Young Writer's Award.
- Evan Cahill (Year 8), who came second in the Northern Beaches section of the Junior Lifesaver of the Year competition, held by Surf lifesaving Australia.
- Charlie Heaton-Armstrong and Bridie Brennan (Year 9) who competed in the National Canoe and Kayaking Championships last week for the U16 State Kayaking team. It was a tough competition in Adelaide's headwind; Charlie achieved 4th place in the U16 K1 200 and K4 500, and 5th place in the U16 K1 500 and K2 1000. Bridie achieved 2nd in the U16 Women's 1000m B final, 2nd in the U16 Women's 200m B final, 1st in the U16 Women's K4 500m final and 1st in the U16 Women's K4 200m final.

In this regular feature, we like to recognize students who have achieved highly in school and community events, competitions and activities. Demonstrations of the school ethos of academic excellence, personal best and giving back to the community deserve to be recognized. Parents are welcome to phone or email the school any achievements that we may not be aware of, for inclusion in *The Weekly Pines*.

Kathy O'Sullivan
Principal

LEGALLY BLONDE

The Musical™

Manly Campus 2021 Production

Legally Blonde, is a lively and humorous look at the trials of love and law school - through the eyes of sorority president and lover of all things pink, Elle Woods. Played by Elsie Loadman (Year 12), Elle proves that being girly and a lawyer are not mutually exclusive. With over 140 students from all year groups, we have a really talented cast, orchestra, and crew, who have been working super hard over the past few months to produce a brilliant show with great music, costumes, professional standard sets and dance numbers ranging from cheerleading to Irish dancing.

Held in the Manly Campus school hall. Purchase tickets through [trybooking](#). There are limited tickets left, so you will need to be quick.

Adults \$45

Student/Concession \$30

- Tuesday 8 June, 7pm – tickets still available
- Wednesday 9 June, 7pm – limited tickets left
- Thursday 10 June, 7pm – limited tickets left
- Friday 11 & Saturday 12 June – SOLD OUT



Parliament House Visit

Last Tuesday, two of our Manly Campus student leaders; Max Oldham and Daniel Shi (Year 12) attended the future leaders conference at NSW Parliament House.



They listened to a number of members of parliament speak about their journey into politics and participated in workshops to learn how leadership skills can be translated into the school environment. As well as receiving a tour of Parliament House they were also given a tour of Government House in the Royal Botanic Gardens and were able to speak with Her Excellency Margaret Beazley about leadership in schools, as well as the role of the Governor in helping school students achieve their potential. Overall, a very interesting and informative day, Max and Daniel enjoyed speaking to students from across Sydney about the leadership programs they run in their schools.

Music Night

Year 12 Music 2 along with some selected elective Year 9 music classes and both vocal ensembles performed at a music night on 25 May. Repertoire ranged from Australian art choral, jazz arrangements, and hit musicals. It was the first premiere of two works commissioned specifically for Year 12 music students by Australian composer Benjamin Loomes, and his equally musically gifted son Elden (Year 12 2020), for students Isabella Rigatos and Daniel Shi.



YEAR 7 PRAXIS

GAMES 4 GOOD EXPO

Could you be an expert on our Games 4 Good panel? Do you have experience or work in a field relating to games, design or entrepreneurship? If you're interested and available Friday June 11, please contact Alex Newcomb at alex.newcomb@det.nsw.edu.au



SRC Staff Spotlight

Ms Kubo

1. How did you decide to get into teaching?

My father was a teacher and helped me study sometimes, and I think learning is interesting so I started to work at a cram school (tutoring provider) to let students feel the same way.

2. What have you been doing prior to teaching at Manly?

I used to teach at Mackellar Girls High School and some primary schools.

3. What do you love about Japan? And what was your favourite experience in Japan?



I love Cherry blossoms, food, nature and good customer service. My favourite experience was shopping! Many things are cheaper and good quality.

4. What brought you to teaching Japanese?

I already like teaching. I wanted Australians to know more about Japan and so that we can understand each other better.

5. What do you enjoy about teaching at Manly?

Many students try to understand what I say (in Japanese) and reply in Japanese.

6. I hear that you grew up in Japan. What was school like there?

Japanese schools have a lot of events. Teachers and students are busy organising for events. They also have longer school hours because of cleaning and extra-curricular activities.

7. What advice would you give to Year 7 students who are thinking about picking Japanese as a subject?

I would be very happy if Year 7 students picked Japanese as an elective. I would also be happy if students want to know more about Japanese culture outside of class. I recommend you to watch Japanese anime, read manga and news, eat Japanese food and participate in Japanese cultural events whenever possible.

Term 2 Calendar

Please check the dates closer to the event. The calendar is updated and added to regularly

Week 7A	
1/06/2021	Year 7 Zoo Excursion
2/06/2021	Project Penguin – ½ day
2/06/2021	Principal's Tour. Bookings essential via the office on 9905 3982
2/06/2021	P&C Meeting, 7pm in the library (in Wk7 due to musical in Wk8)
3/06/2021	Year 10 Vaccinations for meningococcal ACWY – single dose
4/06/2021	Musical Rehearsal - all day
4/06/2021	Sydney North Cross Country Championships
5/06/2021	Pines Yearbook Incursion
6/06/2021	Musical Rehearsal
Week 8B	
7/06/2021	Musical dress and tech rehearsal
8/06/2021	Tim Tams and Jim Jams
8/06/2021 – 12/06/2021	School Musical – Legally Blonde
8/06/2021	Project Penguin ½ day
9/06/2021	Year 12 UAC - student and parent presentation via zoom
Week 9A	
14/06/2021	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
16/06/2021	Year 10 subject selection UAC, parent and student presentation via zoom
16/06/2021	Principal's Tour – Bookings essential via the office on 9905 3982

Band news on the following page...

Week 10B	
21/06/2021	Principal's Awards Year 7- 9
22/06/2021	Principal's Awards Year 10-12
22/06/2021	Project Penguin Expo Day

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of the month from 8:15am-9:30am

NEXT OPEN:
Tuesday 1 June
8:15am-9:30am

COVID safe practices in place, please adhere to the following:

- Check in with the QR code on arrival
- Wear a mask
- Stand 1.5 meters apart while waiting in line
- Only one parent/caregiver with their child are allowed in the uniform shop at a time.

Parents are encouraged to order online where possible. You can place an order by email at

manly2ndhanduniforms@gmail.com

Donations of washed good quality uniforms are most welcome and can be left at the school office.

Proceeds go to the P&C for school improvement projects.

For second hand band blazers (buy & sell) please contact Sarah Cole at sarahlcole24@gmail.com



Term Two Band Meeting, Wednesday 2 June, library, 8 pm, All welcome

The Term Two band meeting is being held on Wednesday night next week. (It not the usual Monday night this time to avoid clashes with Musical in Week 8).

If you love the band and want to know what has been planned for 2021, please come along.

The band committee of around 18 parents is a very active group of MSC families and would welcome your interest and involvement.

Please access the library via the staff car park.

It is important you do not attend if you have Covid symptoms or are considered a close contact.

Thank you, Jazz Orchestra

Many thanks to Jazz Orchestra members for accompanying fellow band member Tilly Dearden at the school music night this week as she performed, on trumpet, a piece she has prepared for her HSC Music 2 performance.

This senior jazz group has been honoured with accompanying three of the Year 12 students in their HSC Trial and HSC performances later in the year.

Semester One Band fees are now well overdue

Thank you to all those who have made their S1 band fee payments. There are still some outstanding fees which require urgent payment.

Band is a parent financed co-curricular program run through the school finance system and prompt payment of band fees is essential for the band committee to meet expenses.

if you need additional time to pay, please get in touch ASAP with the band via Sarah Dowse at bandmanagerbomc@gmail.com

Rehearsals during school musical

Best wishes to all band students involved in the school musical in Week 8. Band members are reminded that regular band rehearsals will be continuing throughout next week and Week 8, including for those members in the musical to enable these groups to function with all their sectional parts. If your child absolutely cannot make their regular rehearsal, please be in touch via your band liaison.

New dates: Intermediate and Junior Band Tours

Exciting news! The annual regional band tours are being planned and the dates have been recently confirmed with the school. Please put them in your calendars now.

Intermediate Tour (WE/BB): Week 9, Term 3
Monday 6 September to Thursday 9 September

Junior band tour (CB, SwB, SB): Week 9, Term 4,
Tuesday 30 November to Friday 3 December.

Term 3 Workshop- pupil free day 12 July, Manly Campus- CB, WE, SWO, SE and JO

The annual workshop day on the pupil free day of Term 3 is happening again this year. After two weeks' break, this will be very important preparation for the competition the following Sunday 18 July, HSC performances involving JO on 19 July and for events being planned for later in Term Three.

NB not all ensembles are required this year. Call-sheets have been circulated via band liaisons.

CB 8:30-11:30 am

SE: 8:30-11:30 am

SWO 11:30- 1:30 pm

WE 1:30- 4pm

JO 2-3:30 pm

Those few students in more than one group at a time will attend part of each session.

Australian School Band Festival, Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Sunday 18 July, CB/WE/SE

The festival returns for 2021 in a modified version for Wind and Strings only.

Concert Band, Wind Ensemble and String Ensemble will be representing Manly Campus.

Dress will be Performance Blacks (including the black band polo) as worn at the Big Band Bash concerts in March. Due to formal performances being uncertain this year we have not required parents to buy the blazer for 2021.

Performance times will be during the day and are yet to be advised.

Date confirmed:

Musicale, The Independent Theatre, North Sydney, Saturday 11 September

We are delighted to have a date and a venue for this year's premier band event. It is a highlight of the band calendar; a concert showcasing senior ensembles and honouring our Year 12 members before their final exams.

Bands from 12:30pm and concert from 5pm with all times yet TBC. Please save the date.

Band Blazers

If you are interested in buying or selling a second hand blazer, please contact parent volunteer Sarah Cole at sarahcole24@gmail.com

There are around 20 second blazers available for sale from sizes 8-18 for anyone wanting one from 2022 for band (buy up a size) or for other purposes such as SRC.

They tend to resell very readily for the same price as bought.

Term 3

Monday 12 July (pupil free day) Week 1 - workshop day at Manly Campus, CB, WE, SWO, SE and JO **NOTE: not all ensembles this year**

Australian School Band Festival at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Sunday 18 July
modified for 2021 for Wind and Strings only, CB, WE, SE, times TBA

Monday July 19, HSC Music Trial performances at Manly Campus, performance blacks and instruments, JO

City to Surf Fundraiser for Band, Sunday 8 August, Bondi Beach

Intermediate Regional Band Tour, Monday 6 September to Thursday 9 September, WE/BB

Musicale - The Independent Theatre, North Sydney, Saturday 11 September (Week 9)
SWO/JO/SE/CO, students from 12:30 pm, concert from 5pm (times TBC)

Term 4

Orchestral Soiree - Monday 8 November, Mosman art Gallery, 7pm -SE/CO

Jazz night Out, DY RSL, Saturday 13 November, 6pm, all jazz bands

Junior regional band tour, Tuesday 30 November to Friday 3 December, CB/SwB/SB

Band Names

- **Wind Stream:** SWO-Symphonic Wind Orchestra; WE-Wind Ensemble; CB-Concert Band
 - **Strings Stream:** SE-String Ensemble; CO-Chamber Orchestra
 - **Jazz Stream:** JO-Jazz Orchestra; BB-Big Band; SB-Stage Band; JC-Jazz Combo; JJC-Junior Jazz Combo
 - **Other:** Covers band- CvB, Percussion Group-PG
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